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(b) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the representatives of the society in respect of this matter; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies directed the society not to issue crop loans after July 1953. The President of the society submitted a petition to Government against the Registrar's orders. The petition was examined by Government in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The Joint Registrar had a discussion on the subject with the President and Directors of the society and the executive members of the Central Bank as a result of which the Registrar of Co-operative Societies permitted the sale society to issue crop loans up to a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh subject to the condition that the individual crop loans should not exceed Rs. 2,000 generally and Rs. 3,000 in special cases, that the issue of crop loans should be stopped after 31st January 1954 and that for the next season, June to July 1954, the members should get themselves admitted into rural credit societies and obtain produce loans from them, if necessary. The Government considered that the action taken by the Registrar was adequate."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I want to put a supplementary question." 8-40 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have been receiving answers to a number of questions from the departments. I want to finish all the questions before the 20th instant which probably is the last day of the present session. Otherwise, there may be complaints that I have not placed before the House all the questions given notice of for which answers have been received."

*Constitution of new panchayats in non-panchayat areas.*

* 822 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the work of constituting new panchayats where there are no panchayats now has been begun; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."